



**Application form:
RTA Community Planning Program and
CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program**

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 29, 2017

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.org/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.org.

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant

2. Main Contact for Application

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply)

____ Local government

____ Multijurisdictional group* → Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

____ Nongovernmental organization* → Name of local government partner(s):

*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information.

Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

4. Project Type (please check any that apply)

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project.

- ☐ My project involves preparation of a plan.
- ☐ My project involves updating an already existing plan.
- ☐ My project helps to implement a past plan.
- ☐ My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- ☐ My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- ☐ My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements)

I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)

☐ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

6. Project Location

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may attach a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

7. Project Description

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (attach separate page as needed but less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. For plan updates please tell us how you will be building upon (or replacing) the previous work. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

8. Previous Plan Implementation Efforts

Please describe actions you have taken to implement previous plans in your community – whether your efforts were successful or not – to achieve infrastructure improvements, development investment, policy changes, advocacy, volunteer involvement, or other actions. If you do not have experience implementing previous planning work, please describe what you will do to make sure that your plan is implemented. Illustrating a commitment to implement plan recommendations is very important to both agencies as we consider new planning projects.

9. Additional Strategic Partnerships

Please list any additional partners you may want to include in this planning project. Please specify if you have made contact with them in advance of submitting this application.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)



Village of Algonquin

The Gem of the Fox River Valley

June 27, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program
CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program—Regional Active Mobility Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The Village of Algonquin is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program. The regional collaboration for this project started through conversations at the Fox Valley Sustainability Network meetings. The Village of Algonquin became very interested in the bike share concept after hearing a presentation from the City of Aurora on their Zagster program. Village staff have spoken to Zagster, watched webinars on bike sharing, heard a program on Divvy, and have met with our local bicycle shop owner to better educate ourselves on the program. Encouraging people to use the bike trails in the Village and the regional trail is a goal of the Village. The recently completed Fox River Corridor Study, completed with a LTA grant, focused on drawing people to the Fox River for recreation and using the Prairie Path/Fox River Trail bike path that runs through the Downtown and along the Fox River.

The Village is also interested in a comprehensive Wayfinding program. The Village recently participated in the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors efforts to unify the signage in Kane County along the Fox River Trail. Wayfinding can be so much more than just identifying where on the trail the user is currently. Wayfinding can provide opportunities and encouragement to the user to go just a bit farther to see something different or to get off the path and visit the downtown.

Learning how to promote the amenities of the area, the Fox River, the great trail system, the unique downtowns of the region is a benefit to all communities. The residents living here take for granted the amenities or may not even know about all of them. To share this area with tourists would generate a sense of pride for the residents as well as generate revenue for the local businesses.

The Village of Algonquin is eager to continue growing the partnership in the region and collaborating with the municipalities, counties, and organizations to see Regional Active Mobility. Please do not hesitate to call Katie Parkhurst (847-658-2700 x 3311) if you would like to further discuss Algonquin's programs and support to this regional initiative.

Sincerely,

Tim Schloneger
Village Manager



June 29, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program
CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program-Regional Active Mobility Program

To Whom It May Concern:

The Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (AACVB) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program.

The AACVB participates in a regional tourism marketing consortium which includes the St Charles CVB, Elgin Area CVB, McHenry County CVB and Geneva Chamber of Commerce. Through this partnership we have identified the Fox River and its adjoining trails as a common theme and tourism marketing initiative. This broader regional study with help in creating a cohesive and comprehensive tourism product that will have greater identity and a potential for engaging product branding and marketing activation.

Feel free to reach out to me for information regarding the regional tourism consortium and how the regional CVBs and Illinois Office of Tourism can be a partner in the Regional Active Mobility Program study.

Sincerely,

Cort Carlson
Executive Director
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June 29, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program-Regional Active Mobility Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program. The regional collaboration for this project started through conversations at a Fox Valley Sustainability Network meeting hosted by the City of Elgin at Judson University.

The Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is focused on promoting active transportation in Elgin – walking, cycling and transit. Elgin is recognized nationally on the ‘honorable mention’ list of Bicycle Friendly Communities. We look forward to joining Aurora and Batavia as an officially designated Bicycle Friendly Community in Kane County.

Creating a regional bike share program will create more opportunity for residents and visitors to realize the many benefits of cycling – health, mobility, personal savings, recreation, and social interaction. Fox Valley communities will realize benefits including economic development, tourism, a cleaner environment, and congestion relief.

Learning how to promote the amenities of the area, the Fox River, the great trail system, the unique downtowns of the region is a benefit to all communities. The residents living here take for granted the amenities or may not even know about all of them. To share this area with tourists would generate a sense of pride for the residents as well as generate revenue for the local businesses.

The Elgin BPAC is eager to continue growing the partnership in the region and collaborating with the municipalities, counties, and organizations to see Regional Active Mobility. Please do not hesitate to call Dave Waden (847-931-5909) if you would like to further discuss Elgin BPAC's programs and support to this regional initiative.

Sincerely,

Michele Campbell, Chair
Elgin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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June 28, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program
CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)
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Re: Local Technical Assistance Program-Regional Active Mobility Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The Fox Valley Park District is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program.

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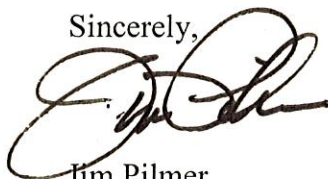
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The boundaries of the Fox Valley Park District cover most of Aurora, North Aurora and Montgomery. We serve over 233,000 residents. Significant portions of the Fox River Trail, the V.L. Gilman Trail and the Prairie Path are owned and managed by the Fox Valley Park District. While these nationally renowned trails were initially built primarily for recreational purposes, these trails have evolved to become important corridors for non-motorized transportation and catalysts for tourism.

The three areas of emphasis of the Regional Active Mobility Program – bike sharing, way finding, and tourism – are best addressed on a regional scale. The Fox Valley Park District's trails and adjacent amenities and services are vital pieces to the regional success of an "active mobility" network. Therefore, the Fox Valley Park District is pleased to support the City of Aurora and other partners in this important project.

Thank you for your consideration of their request. Should you have any questions, please contact Jeff Palmquist, Senior Director of Planning, Research and Grants

Sincerely,



Jim Pilmer
Executive Director

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June 29, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program
CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)
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RE: Local Technical Assistance Program-Regional Active Mobility Program

Dear Tony Manno,

The Kane Kendall Council of Mayors is pleased to provide support for the Regional Active Mobility Program to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program. With our focus on consensus building as well as working together closely with our partners, it allows for effective and efficient work towards the goal which makes us a valuable supporter for such projects.

KKCOM and Kane County has always supported programs which enhance mobility for users who choose to walk or bike around the County. The wayfinding program has been in the works for some time, and we continue to work towards our goal by providing users with proper and adequate signage. Along with a number of other projects geared towards this concept, the Kane County bicycle & pedestrian maps have been a major asset to providing users with proper ways to navigate around the County. Constituents, tourists, and others take great pleasure in obtaining the maps every two years when they are updated and find they are extremely useful when traveling around the county via bicycling or walking.

Kane County fully supports the Regional Active Mobility Program, along with many additional projects which focus on user mobility. While no funds are available at this time, we are willing to assist in any way possible to allow for this program to be supported by CMAP and others.

Thank you for your consideration on their request. If additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 630-444-3143.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bigbie
Kane Kendall Council of Mayors
Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator
Kane County Division of Transportation

Fox Valley Sustainability Network

June 27, 2017

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To Whom it May Concern:

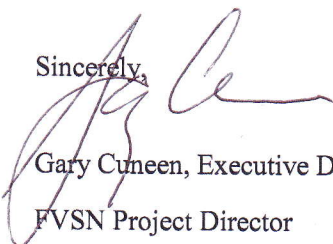
The Fox Valley Sustainability Network (FVSN) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program. The regional collaboration for this project started through conversations at Fox Valley Sustainability Network forums, which convene government, community and business leaders to learn, network and take action on collaborative projects that contribute to the sustainability of Fox Valley communities.

We're thrilled with the interest of neighboring communities in creating linkages to Aurora's bike share program, and with efforts that encourage bike trail use and connectivity across communities. The proposed scope meets objectives established within the recently completed Fox River Corridor Study, completed with a LTA grant, focused on drawing people to the Fox River for recreation and using the Prairie Path/Fox River Trail bike path that runs through the Downtown and along the Fox River.

Promoting the amenities of the area, including the Fox River, the trail system, and the unique downtowns of the region is a benefit to all communities – and is a goal that stakeholders within the FVSN are working to achieve.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact the FVSN if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gary Cuneen, Executive Director, Seven Generations Ahead;
FVSN Project Director



June 28, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program
CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno)
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: Local Technical Assistance Program-Regional Active Mobility Program

To Whom it may Concern:

Ride Illinois is pleased to support the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program.

Ride Illinois is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving bicycling conditions throughout the state. We are the advocate for all Illinois bicyclists, promoting bicycle access, education, and safety.

The project goal of increasing active mobility in the region is especially important to our members. A Regional Active Mobility Program address existing transportation needs in the area, decrease the vehicle miles traveled daily by commuters by providing additional last mile / first mile options, and increase recreational use and appeal of the exiting trail system throughout the region.

Ride Illinois is committed to supporting the City of Aurora and the other partner communities throughout this important project.

Thank you for your consideration of their request. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 630-978-0583.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ed Barsotti'.

Ed Barsotti, Chief Programs Officer

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Village of South Elgin is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Regional Active Mobility Program application to CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program. The regional collaboration for this project started through conversations at the Fox Valley Sustainability Network meetings. The Village of South Elgin became very interested in the bike share concept after hearing a presentation from the City of Aurora on their Zagster program. Encouraging people to use the bike trails in the Village and the regional trail is a goal of the Village, as identified in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the Village's Bike and Pedestrian Plan, completed with an LTA grant.

The Village is also interested in a comprehensive Wayfinding program. The Village recently participated in the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors efforts to unify the signage in Kane County along the Fox River Trail. Wayfinding can be so much more than just identifying where on the trail the user is currently. Wayfinding can provide opportunities and encouragement to the user to go just a bit farther to see something different or to get off the path and visit the Village Center.

Learning how to promote the amenities of the area, the Fox River, the great trail system, the unique downtowns and village centers of the region is a benefit to all communities. Village residents thoroughly enjoy the Fox River and the complementary amenities, like the Fox River Trail. To share this area with tourists would generate a sense of pride for the residents as well as generate revenue for the local businesses.

The Village of South Elgin is eager to continue growing the partnership in the region and collaborating with the municipalities, counties, and organizations to see Regional Active Mobility. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to further discuss South Elgin's programs and support to this regional initiative.

Sincerely,



Marc McLaughlin, AICP, GISP
Director of Community Development